

## FRENCH ASSAULT REGAINS PART OF CAILLETTE WOOD

Fierce Battle Rages on Vaux-Douaumont Line of Verdun Front

### FIGHTING IN LORRAINE

PARIS, April 3.—Terrible fighting took place throughout the night at Verdun on the Vaux-Douaumont front, the War Office announced this afternoon. The Germans are attempting to make further progress in Caillette Wood, southwest of Fort Douaumont, but counter-attacks by the French appear from the latest official reports to be throwing back the attacking forces.

The present indications are that the Germans are resolved to batter their way through to Verdun on the east bank of the Meuse, the official communique stating no infantry action occurred on the west bank during the night.

The text of the communique follows: "East of the Meuse the combats which continued throughout the night in the region of Douaumont and Vaux were of a character favorable to us. We gained ground in Caillette wood.

Our line, resting against Vaux pond on the right, traverses Caillette wood, of which the enemy holds the north section, and rejoins our positions south and west of the village of Douaumont.

It is now established that the attacks by the Germans yesterday were on a front 3 kilometers (1.8 miles) and in successive waves, followed by small assaulting columns. Our artillery and our rifle fire caused heavy losses in the ranks of the enemy.

In the Woivre the night passed quietly. In Lorraine our artillery fire caused numerous fires in Romm Wood, west of Leitzrey. In the region of Anceville a reconnaissance force of the enemy which attempted to approach our position, was repulsed by our rifle fire.

Near Moyon a German aeroplane fell in our lines. The aviators were made prisoners.

### VILLA HAS ESCAPED. GEN. PERSHING ADMITS

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he has dispatched a squad of Apache scouts, some of whom were engaged in the round-up of the notorious Geronimo.

The outlaw chieftain is headed toward Chihuahua City, according to word received by General Funston. Another dispatch has him moving southward from Guerrero into the Parral district.

American troops, searching for the bandit leader, are scattered over a wide front in the Guerrero region, combing the hills and ravines. General Pershing himself has gone to that district and news of a clash is expected shortly.

Secretary of War Baker announced that a force of Carranzistas under Colonel Cano had assisted Colonel Dodd in routing the Villistas at Guerrero Wednesday. This disproves the reports of Cano's desertion to Villa.

### APACHES NOW ON TRAIL OF VILLA AND HIS BANDITS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 3.—Major General Funston, believing Villa has escaped the ring of American and Carranzista troops reported to have surrounded him, today laid plans to track down the bandit with the aid of Apache scouts.

"It is my belief that Villa has slipped his collar and is fleeing," was Funston's comment. "He never has been cornered."

At the same time it was announced that 20 Apaches, who had been trained against Geronimo in the famous campaign against the Indian bandit, will go to the front early next week.

These Indians are considered by military men to be the best trailers in the world.

The American troops are believed to be near Chihuahua City. Funston's information shows that roads south of Casas Grandes are much improved. Five high-powered touring cars are being used as couriers between El Valle and the extreme front.

General Pershing, in a message to Funston today, stated that General Beltran, Villa's chief aide, had been located near Bachineva with 100 men. There has been no contact at Bachineva. Beltran was seen in the Columbus raid also and on the border trouble at Nogales.

General Pershing's message was dated last night and sent from Colonia Dublan. General Pershing's whereabouts were kept secret by General Funston. All Villa's men, with the exception of Beltran's men, have broken up in small bands, the dispatch states. Colonel Dodd's cavalry has also separated and are chasing the bandits. General Pershing stated that he was getting much misleading information from Carranzistas. He had no idea now where Villa is. The country is very poor, and had been stripped bare of everything but cattle; there was very little grazing and corn was of poor quality.

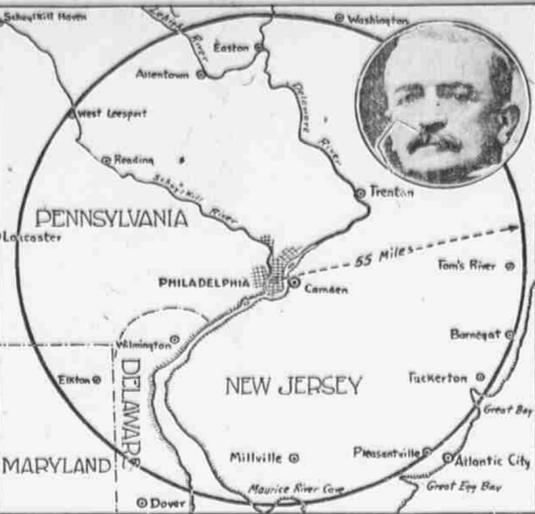
Army trucks are now operating south from Namiquipa. Their destination is not disclosed. Namiquipa will be made the field base with a wireless station.

### U. S. FORCES COMB HILLS FOR VILLA AND HIS BANDS

EL PASO, April 3.—American forces, spread out over the slopes and passes of the Continental Divide, were seeking Villa today, combing every foot of ground in a surrounded area northeast of the Guerrero Railroad line.

From the fact that no details of the hunt have been received since Friday, officers here believe that Villa is being run down and the situation is so acute that there is no time for reports. General Pershing went into the Guerrero district to take personal command of the pursuit. Colonel Cabell, his chief of staff at the

### COLONEL DODD'S DASH ILLUSTRATED



The American commander overhauled Villa's band at Guerrero after a straight 55-mile ride. With Philadelphia as a base, the rim of the circle shows what points Colonel Dodd could have reached by a similar exploit in this territory. The cavalry leader is pictured in the inset.

Dublin base, said yesterday "Pershing is still out."

As a precaution against small roving bands of Mexicans reported gathering in the foothills between the Columbia and Casas Grandes, extra heavy guards accompanied the supply trains leaving here today.

Lieutenant Allen W. Gillen, adjutant of the Columbus camp, left yesterday to investigate the reports. Border patrols and posts along the line of communication have been warned of the rumors.

Major Sample, commander at Columbus, was notified to prepare for a number of Villistas taken prisoner in Wednesday's battle at San Geronimo ranch. A barbed wire stockade was ordered erected. The exact number of prisoners is not known here yet.

General Gavira, Carranza commandant at Juarez, today received a message from Luis Gutierrez, Governor of Chihuahua, confirming the report that Villa was wounded in the leg. Governor Gutierrez received his statement from Colonel Cavazza, who commanded at Guerrero when Villa defeated the Carranza garrison there.

### BETTING EVEN ON VILLA'S CAPTURE WITHIN TEN DAYS

EL PASO, April 3.—Betting in army circles at the front today was even that Villa would be captured or killed within 10 days.

Carranza Consul Garcia stated that if the United States troops took the bandit alive, the Carranza Government would claim him, as the American Government probably would want to punish Villa for the Columbus raid.

However, the Carranza soldiers captured Villa, Garcia said, the de facto Government would take his punishment into its own hands for crimes committed prior to the Columbus raid.

The Carranzistas believe Villa has important information regarding foreign interference in Mexican affairs. They might be caught quickly. Today the border was more pessimistic. Blizzards and rain in the district south of Casas Grandes are hampering the American troops.

One of the usual crop of border reports here was that Villa had already been taken, but that General Pershing was keeping the matter quiet until Villa was safely delivered at the expedition's headquarters near Casas Grandes.

### CANO HELPED DODD DEFEAT VILLA, GEN. FUNSTON REPORTS

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Secretary of War Baker today received an official dispatch from General Funston saying that General Cano, Carranza commander, had met and defeated a small band of Villa soldiers on March 29. They were part of the band attacked by Dodd's cavalry. Manuel Boco, the Villa lieutenant, was killed, as were some others. This, officials said, disproves the report that Colonel Cano had deserted Carranza and joined forces opposing the entrance of the United States into Mexico.

Secretary Baker issued the following statement: "A dispatch just received through General Funston from General Pershing tells us that one of the smaller bands into which the Villa forces scattered was struck by Colonel Cano on the 29th of March, and that the

result was that Manuel Boco, the leader, was killed.

This seems to dispose finally of the rumor of disloyalty on the part of Colonel Cano.

### INFANTRY TAKES UP CHASE OF VILLISTAS IN MEXICO

FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY, NEAR DUBLIN, MEXICO (via wireless to Columbus, N. M.), April 3.—The pursuit of Villa today was believed to be nearing a climax. Large reinforcements, including infantry, have been sent south to assist in the final round-up. Villa was last reported fleeing farther into the mountains of Guerrero district.

American cavalrymen are still hotly pursuing Villa's forces, scattered in the San Geronimo flight. The reinforcements were sent to both wings of the Guerrero district to cooperate with the central column in a great sweeping drive to clear out all the bandits in that section.

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The Carnegie is the famous non-magnetic ship built for the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism of the Carnegie Institute in Washington. Virtually no iron, steel or other magnetic metal was used in its construction. The ship sailed from New York in March, 1915, for a two-year cruise in Antarctic and other waters. Previous to that time it had traveled more than 200,000 miles in the interest of science. In the summer of

### 1914 it surveyed the waters about Iceland and Greenland.

During the Antarctic voyage just ended, the Carnegie crossed the course of Sir Ernest Shackleton's exploration ship Aurora.

### CROSSES SEA, LOVE SPURNED

Wife, Seeking Divorce, Says She Followed Husband to London

ATLANTIC CITY, April 3.—A story of how she pursued her husband from Boston to London and begged him to return to her, only to be spurned after her long journey, figures in the divorce plea of Mrs. Leah Applebaum as related before Special Master Cleveland. Heartbroken, she went to Philadelphia and subsequently came to this city. She made further efforts through correspondence to effect a reconciliation but was repeatedly repulsed, she avers.

Mrs. Applebaum is wealthy in her own right. She does not ask for alimony, but lays stress upon a desire to resume her maiden name.

### GERMANY 'HYENA,' SAYS PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR

"Kaiser and His Counselors a Nest of Cobras," Rev. H. C. Stanton Tells Ministers

The Rev. Horace C. Stanton's dislike for the Teutons took so strongly a grip on him today that he denounced Germany at the ministers' weekly meeting in Witherspoon Hall, and astonished an audience made up of the majority of the Presbyterian ministers of Philadelphia. Doctor Stanton, who is secretary of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association, heard an address on the war by the Rev. Richard Roberts, of the Presbytery of London. Then he jumped to his feet.

"If the eagle is the emblem of the United States," he said, "and the lion is England's, then Germany should be emblemed by the hyena."  
The ministers in his audience gasped, but Doctor Stanton continued.  
"Doctor Roberts has spoken of the con-

tinuing ambitions of Germany and England to further their civilization," he said. "Germany should not be given such consideration. It is a war of nations against an outlaw. The German nation has violated international law, every law of humanity and the law of God.

"Germany cannot be regarded as having a civilization," he continued. "I look on the Kaiser and his counselors as a nest of cobras. I pray every day that the Teutonic Powers may be crushed. Germany is in the way of civilization. It seeks to prevent the realization of the ideals of other nations toward advancing humanity."

Doctor Stanton cited Belgium, the Lusitania and the reported "Belgian atrocities" as being on the list of German transgressions of the laws of humanity. When he finished there was some applause and a light laughter.

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